## PORTSMOUTH LOCAL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

### **WALTER COTTON** TO BE HANGED

On the Seventeenth Day of November Next.

SAME DAY WITH TATE

Yesterday, in the Hustings Court counsel for Walter Cotton, alias John Smith, Messrs. W. H. Parker and L. C. Phillips, argued a motion for a new trial on the ground that the verdict rendered by the jury last Thursday night, of guilty of murder in the first legree, was contrary to the law and widence in the case.

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degree, was contrary to the law and evidence in the case.

Mr. Parker argued, Mr. Phillips being present, he setting out his reasons in detail why he thought a new trial should be granted. He discussed the evidence fully, pointing out from his point of view the defective features of it, concluding by calling the attention of the court to the exceptions noted during the trial i. e., the refusal of the court to grant instruction No. 4 asked for, that of a juror leaving the court-room after being examined on his "voir dire" and before the jury was impanelled, and the ruling of the court in overruling the motion of the defense to quash the indictment on the alleged ground of duplicity, and the subsequent decision of the court in sustaining the indictment against Cotton, though the same was demurred to. These and other technical grounds were urged as sufficient rea.ons for a new trial, the gepticman likening the sentiment in the Dreyfus case unto this, saying that public sentiment had brought about the pardon of Dreyfus, and he had no doubt that sentiment had something to do with the action of the jury in the case of Walter Cotton.

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THE MOTION OVERRULED.
Counsel for defense embodied in their several motions one for an arrest of judgment, all of which Colonel K. R. Griffin, attorney for the Commonwealth, took up seriatim and answered fully. This gentleman also reviewed the evidence in the case, and argued along that line in a strong and convincing manner. The principal points urged by Cotton's counsel were met with good reasoning, and the natural consequences of the act of a criminal who had been caught in the meshes of the law were argued with a strength of mind, force of speech and impressivences of delivery which were interesting in the extreme.

At the conclusion of Colonel Griffin's argument Mr. Charles T. Bland, who essisted in the prosecution, addressing the court, said that he thought the representative of the Commonwealth had sufficiently covered all the phases of the matter and would, therefore, not take up the time of the court in discussing further what had been so ably presented to the court for its consideration.

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Mr. Phillips said he had been detained in another court, and not hearing what the Commonwealth's Attorney had said, preferred that Mr. Parker close, which he did.

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Judge Watts, in overruling the motion for a new trial, said at the beginning that he saw no reason why the motion for an arrest of judgment should prevail, and then phssing to the other grounds upon which the motion for an arrest of judgment should prevail, and then phssing to the other grounds upon which the motion for a new trial was made, commented upon the facts, that the defense had been given all of the freedom possible under the law in the management of the case; that the trial had consumed three days, juring which time everything that was nossible to be done was done in behalf of Cotton; that he had been given imple time to summon witnesses, if any, he had to testify in the case.

The jury, said Judge Watts, were the sole judges of the evidence in the case, and the court had expounded the law to them, and the jury, after having both the law and evidence before them, and concluded that Walter Cotton, allas fohn Smith, was the man guilty of the trime with which he stood charged, and, therefore, he did not believe there was any reason why he should set aside the verdict rendered and grant the accused a new trial, and, therefore, all of the motions made by counsel for the lefense were overruled.

HOW COTTON RECEIVED IT.

Walter Cotton, the doomed man, was hen brought down from the prisoners look and placed immediately in front of Judge Watts to receive the sentence of death. Clerk Thompson asked Cotton if he had anything to say why

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"Yes sir, I have," said the unfortunate man, "I think you all should make Weaver tell where he got that watch. I, of course, can't help what you do to me, but you ought to make Weaver tell you all about that watch. I never had it only when Weaver gave it to me to pawn. He knows all about the from first to last, and I gave it back to him because I wouldn't pawn it. That is all I know about the watch.

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"About the jewelry, I never saw it, and didn't give it to anybody. I don't know anything about it at all. But I think you ought to make Weaver tell about that watch."

Cotton has a wonderful control over himself, for, standing there awaiting the sentence of death, not a muscle quivered, nor was there even a tremor in his voice. But on the contrary, with shifting eyes and firm stand, with not the least trace of nervousness, he seemed no more disturbed than if it was a stranger who occupied his place. Others in the court room were more affected than he, and they plainly gave evidence of that fact.

THE SENTRAVAL NEWS.

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have had a fair and impartial trial as far as the court could control it. You have had experienced and intelligent counsel, who have presented your case in a strong and convincing manner, in your behalf, and the court, at their request, gave you every opportunity to procure your witness, and did all in its power that it legally could do to ald you.

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"But the evidence, while circumstantial, seemed convincing to the jury, and they have so said in their verdict, and the duty of the court is to impose the sentence of the law upon which your indictment was found, which is, that you be taken from this court room back to the jail of the city and there confined and held in said jail in the custody and keeping of the sergeant of this city until Friday, the 17th day of November, 1899, when, on the said day, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the morning and 3 o'clock in the atternoon, you will be taken by the sergeant of the city in the jail yard, the usual place of execution, and there by the sergeant hung by your neck until you are dead, and may the Lord have mercy on you."

Counsel for Catten then acked for

Court of Appeals, which the court granted.

This, however, will not interfere with the carrying out of the sentence on the day fixed by the court, which is the same day fixed for the execution of Alex Tate, now in the county jail under sentence of death for murder, unless Cotton's counsel make up their bill of exceptions and petition the Court of Appeals for a writ of error within a reasonable time.

NOW STRONGLY GUARDED.

Cotton, securely handcuffed, was taken charge of by Deputy Sheriff Abbott and Police Officer Jesse Hoofnagle and taken to the city jail and placed in the department used for the detention of white prisoners, in the first cell to the left, which is looked upon now to be the strongest cell in the prison. Here the man, who was found guilty of the atroclous murder of Mr. Charles Wyatt, one of Portsmouth's well-known citizens, on the 3d of August last, will be kept constantly under the surveillance of men whose duty it will be to watch carefully his every act and to prevent their charge from escaping the penalty of the crime for which he has been tried and found guilty, the punishment for which is death.

He will be guarded in the day time by Substitute Police Officer Solomon J. Hodges, and at night by Mr. Frank Morris, both of whom were appointed by the court for that purpose yesterday.

THE COUNTY COURT.

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The following business was tracted in this court yesterday:
Smith vs. Zinamer; judgment or garnishee; Magistrate's decision

versed.

The retail liquor license of Joseph J.

Cragin transferred to A. N. Lindsay.

Mrs. Margaret S. Bland qualified as
guardian of Samuel Bland Stengle, orphan of Mrs. Marion S. Stengle, in
bond of \$100. Mr. Samuel Bland apueared as surety.

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An application to have Cook avenue, from Norfolk city limits to Broad creek turnpike, declared a public road was referred to the road viewers.

The court appointed Mr. P. T. Chernhe court appointed for Western ry a special policeman for West Branch Magisterial district, and Mr. D. Ellis was authorized to fill the sa position for Deep Creek township.

DEWEY AND GRIMES' BATTERY.

The Washington Post of yesterday is authority for the following:

"The committee on parade, through its chairman, Ar. W. H. Rapley, was informed yesterday that Grimes' Battery, of Portsmouth Vs. had decided. nformed yesterday that Grimes' Bat-ery, of Portsmouth, Va., had decided o take part in the reception. The or-ranization will be assigned to a posi-ion in the civic parade, and will bring ts own horses, which, however, will be led, and not ridden, on account of he danger of a possible stampede, hrough the fireworks which will be its own horses, which, however, will be led, and not ridden, on account of the danger of a possible stampede, through the fireworks which will ll-luminate the avenue during the night celebration."

This is in reference to the Dewey celebration.

JUVENILE FOOTBALL.

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The Tigers have organized for the season of '99-1900 and would like to hear from any team in the three cities in their class. They average from 13 to 10-years and their average weight is 90 pounds. They line-up as follows:

S. Hankins, center; W. Ryan, left guard; Z. Eure, right guard; C. Chapman, right tackle; D. Gale, left tackle; W. Lee, right end; R. Childs, left end; L. Lawler, quarter-back; V. Cannon, left half-back; J. Barry, right half-back; J. Sanler, full-back.

Address all challenges to V. Cannon, captain, 29 Waverly street; or J. Barry, manager, 86 Mariner street, Norfolk, Va.

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Editor of the Virginian-Pilot:
Dear Sir,—I was surprised to see by yesterday's issue of your paper the following paragraph:
"Thieves entered the house of Mr. E. B. Hawks, in Park View, a few nights ago. They carried off all the eatables they came across."
No thief has entered my house and no attempt to enter it has been made.
E. B. HAWKS.
The information was furnished by one of our route boys and was published as a fact, believing it to be so at the time.—Ports. Ed.

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# ITEMS GATHERED

Miscellaneous Happenings Conden sed for Virginian-Pilot Readers.

MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE

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Mr. Jack Morgan, who has been connected with the "Hub," in Norfolk, for the past three years, is now connected with the Brandi Company.

Capt. Flemming, the oyster packer, is confined to his home on account of an injury he received a few days ago.

Among the prisoners that made their escape from Jail is a negro that is wanted in Henrico for murder.

Yesterday morning a negro man named Henry Watson accidentally shot himself while fooling with a pistol.

The ferry lessees have not succeeded in scouring a boat to take the place of the "City of Norfolk," but they are working hard to do so.

Mr. Wm. Barker, of Baltimore, was in the city yesterday on business connected with his firm.

Capt. R. L. Herbert and Sheriff Williamson Smith left yesterday for Roanoke, to attend the Firemen's Convention, which meets in that city to-day.

Saturday is the time to notify tenants in regard to vacating their places for the coming year.

Mr. H. C. Long advertised a house for rent and had six applicants before he eat his breakfast, and among that number he secured a good tenant.

A gentleman advertised for a canary bird that was stolen from his home, and by 3 o'clock of the first morning that the advertisement appeared he

bird that was stolen from his home, and by 9 o'clock of the first morning that the advertisement appeared he found his bird. A gentleman had bought him from a negro boy, who

bought him from a negro boy, who stole him.

It would be a good idea for the Portsmouth people to adopt the style of looking their door-mats down, like they do in Northern cities, and there would not be so many stolen.

Miss Belle Bates, of Namemond county, is the guest of Miss Johnson, in South Portsmouth.

The Democratic Executive Committee meets to-morrow night to receive the candidates' fees and elect cierks and judges for the election.

A horse belonging to a Norfolk delivery wagon ran away on Green street yesterday and smashed up things generally.

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Mr. James Land is critically ill at his home on Green street.

Mr. Thomas Leigh, the Portsmouth Star representative, returned yesterday from a three weeks' visit to his old home at Martinsburg, W. Va. He says he enjoyed his vacation.

A colored man named Isaac Bell was badly mashed yesterday by some logarolling off a car on top of him. He was attended by Dr. Robinson.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. James Wallace to Miss Nellia Minter, the ceremony to take place October ist.

Minter, the ceremony to take place October 1st.
There will be a marriage at Owens Memorial Church Sunday after the evening service.
In the Hustings Court yesterday Judge Watts appointed George H. Colden, who qualified, as administrator of the estate of Barbara Bembry, with George Melville as security in the sum of \$140. Samuel Hunter, W. A. Bond, Theodore Nash, C. T. Wynn and George

FOR SALE. A HOUSE AND LOT ON Clifford street. Apply on premises, No. 413 Clifford street. Se25-1w.

S MOKE "SNOW FLAKE," THE BEST
50. Cigar made. For sale at all firstclass cigar counters, Manufactured in
Portsmouth by Union Labor, RICH, D.
GUY, Manager. se2t-iw 2

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-CHAS T. BLAND-

Subject to Deniocratic Primary, WED NESDAY, October 11th. 8022-td MOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES--ROBERT C. IRWIN-

Subject to Democratic Primary, October 1th. 8824-td BASE BALL!

The final game of the championship series benefit King's 'Daughters', Hospital, will be played on THURSDAY, the 28th.

-Atlantic Citys--All Americas-COLUMBIA PARK.

FALL GOODS! NOW READY AT

229 HIGH STREET. NEW DRESS GOODS OF ALL KINDS.

Plaids, Black and Colored Crepons, range in price from \$1\$ to \$1\$ per yard.

The handsomest line of Broadcloth ever shown in this city-all shades.

New line of Furs. See them, as they are selling rapidly.

New Fall Underwear for Ladles, Gentlemen and Children. The largest assortment in the city.

Monday and Tuesday we will sell 25 dozen Misses Fine Rib Hose at 19c.—the regular 25c, quality.

Don't fall to see those New Down Comferts—they are cheap.

#### W. C. NASH. NOTICE.

Seaboard and Roanoke R. R. Co.
Portsmouth, Va. Sept. 20 1899.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
stockholders of this company will be
held at the office of the company, in
Portsmouth, Va., on TUESDAY, October
3d, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m.
sc20. JNO. H. SHARP, Treasurer.

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Hot Fried and Stewed Oysters. Hot Cef-fee, Hot Dishes to Order. Everything you want, you can get it and get it quick at

H. O. Pearson, Ferry Lunch Rooms OUR

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Wednesday --- Thursday 27th---28th.

406 CRAWFORD ST.

By John C. Niemeyer, Auctioneer.

C OMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VAL UABLE NORFOLK COUNTY FARM PROFERTY AND LOTS.

Joseph Deans, of Windsor, Va. at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the Berkley Avenue Baptist Church. It will be in session several days.
The naval reserve yacht Siren, shinging in fresh white paint and polished brass, is lying off the Portsmouth flats.
She will leave to-day for New York, with the Naval Reserves.
Mr. J. C. Ashton, Superintendent of the Public Schools, reports that there are at least 2,000 children on the rolls of the public Schools in this city. This is the largest number ever reported at the opening, and the number will no (Continued on Page Eleven.)

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FRANK L. CROCKER, - Special Commissioner,

I hereby certify that the bond required y the above decree has been duly given. Testic: L. M. SILVERTER, C. C. se24-td By E. THOMPSON, D. C. Teste:

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> Less than Cost Prices

Ten thousand dollars' worth of Men's and Boys' Fall and Winter Suits and Coats, which we have packed away during our closing out of Summer Stock, are now on our tables, and will be sacrificed regardless of any cost, If you need a Suit or an Overcoat, or a Suit for your Boy, it's a rare chance for a great saving. We will sell them to you at less than they cost us. Can you afford to miss such an opportunify?

Men's Fine Covert Cloth Overcoats, which formerly sold for \$15 and \$18, reduced to \$12.50. FIT GUARANTEED. Any Pants pattern in the house, made to your measure, 89c. \$4.50.

\$6.98.

Regular 15c. Black and Tun Hose, M e n's Overcoats, that formerly sold for \$12,60 and \$10.00, re-duced to Brighton Garters, Our 15c, grade,

\$10.48.

13c.

Men's Black Clay Worsted Suits, slik I i n e d throughout, guaranteed fast color, worth \$18.00, to go at

\$1.23.

#### M. ROSENBAUM.

116 and 118 High St., Portsmouth, Va.

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DISSOLUTION.

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Richmond, Va., Sept. 1st., 1829.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP—The partnership heretofore existing between Brant and Wise, doing business as merchant tallors under the firm name and style of Brandt & Wise, at No. 801 East Broad street, in the city of Richmond, Va., 1s this day dissolved by mutual consent. The Brandt Company assumes all liabilities of the late concern, and all parties who are indebted to the late firm are notified to pay the same to Messrs. William and Henry Flegenheimer, attorneys at law, No. 8 North Tenth street, Richmond, Va.

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Extensive line of Imported Suitings in Black and Blue Worsteds and Vicunas, Chevviots and Serges, were \$25,\$27,\$30 \$19.75 Fancy Vestings, worth \$6 and \$7.50; about 10 patterns, our

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sor and Sea Island Percales for 9c. per yard. EMMETT DEANS TORMS CASH.

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